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A LETTER FROM INDIA

Miss Elizabeth Wells Tells of Her Missionary Work in That Country

Miss Bessie Wells, who went from Laclede to India five years ago and is engaged in missionary work at Vikarabad, Decan, under date of February 6 wrote the following letter to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wells, who now live at Carlisle, Arkansas:

"Rejoice with us! \$5000.00 has been given for building in Vikarabad! Glory, Hallelujah! Some has been given towards the remainder also, so we hope to begin building at once. If we could only get the bungalow done before the rains! But I suppose that is an impossibility. However I intend to make things hum. Hope to let the contract for the well today. Mr. King is coming out so we will have a chance to talk our plans.

I am not in much of a mood for writing, I feel too happy and too tired. Friday midnight Miss Simonds and I started to Kosgi, thirty miles by cart from here. We went in the new conveyance which is very good for touring. It is so light that the bullocks do not have much load and at night we can lie down and sleep(?) while we travel. Then there is space below the seat for luggage, supplies, etc.

We traveled as far as Pergi, fifteen miles before daylight and then had to halt there to feed the bullocks and ourselves. After we started again the trip was pleasant up till noon, after that time it was very hot. We missed the road and went out of our way two or three miles but finally got there about 5 p. m. B. Mark and his wife Maria Ma, and Abraham Smith and his wife Preetha Ma are the workers in Kosgi. They have a large house (for natives) with an enclosure so that we were quite comfortable, considering everything. We slept in the cart at night, much to the disgust of all the natives. They could not understand why we should refuse a nice snug room with no ventilation whatever except a hole like a chimney in the top, for a cart in the open air.

Kosgi is a great place for weaving native cloth. Every where they are coloring the thread or putting it in the loom or weaving the cloth. In every house is the same work going. We saw some beautiful work, but the great majority was common cloth for cholis and sarries. I was greatly interested in it. These weavers are high caste people but very friendly to the gospel. There have been some, a very few, conversions among them and they make good Christians.

One very nice family invited us to breakfast Monday morning and we went. Miss Simonds had hard work to eat a part of the stuff and on the sly kept stuffing it down my umbrella. Luckily we got away without disgracing ourselves by turning the umbrella upside down. The people all think her light hair is gray and say she is the old woman and I am the little girl. I have enjoyed it immensely for I have been called an old woman a good many times and like a change. Now I must stop for I must go to Hyerabad by this morning train and transact some business.

With lots of love to you, each and all."

For Sale.

A two seated surrey, out of the shop two years, and has had good care. If you need such a rig I have a bargain for you. Inquire at Owl Pharmacy or see J. H. Brown.

Eggs For Setting.

I have a few thoroughbred Langshan chickens. Eggs for sale at 50 cents per setting.

R. A. DAVID.

Township Election.

The republicans of Jefferson township met at Grand Army hall last Saturday and nominated the following ticket which was elected without opposition on Tuesday: Geo. W. Anderson, trustee; Lee E. Hamilton, collector; Ira Frakes, clerk and assessor; A. P. Welsh and J. H. Peer, members of board; T. J. Welsh and Jas. T. Bassett, justices of the peace; Emil Brendahl, constable. There being but the one ticket out, the election was the quietest ever held in the township, only 94 votes being polled.

Farm Residence Burned.

The large two story residence on the farm of H. C. Lomax three miles southwest of Laclede was destroyed by fire last Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wood, who occupied the house, had come to town and there was no one near and when discovered by neighbors the fire had spread to every part of the house and nothing was saved. Mr. and Mrs. Wood lost everything they had except the clothes they wore. The loss is about \$2500, with only \$1,000 insurance on the building in the Laclede Mutual.

Win a Game From Linneus.

The Laclede high school base ball team accepted a challenge and went to Linneus last Saturday and defeated the high school team of that place by a score of 12 to 14. The Laclede players were Lonnie Bruns, Max Jones, Tom Willard, Novie Randall, Paul Jones, Ellis Moore, Wm. McGrew, Chester Billings and George Haight.

Opera House Improvements.

F. M. Connor has the work of remodeling the opera house about completed now, the new stairway being put in this week. It is the best, neatest and most convenient place for holding entertainments and public meetings Laclede has ever had. Mr. Connor believes that what is worth doing at all is worth doing well and has gone to considerable expense to give our people an opera house in keeping with the growth and prosperity of the town and it deserves a liberal patronage. The new light plant is certainly fine.

Easter Services.

A cordial invitation is extended the public to attend the services of the Methodist Episcopal church next Sunday. Special music will be given both morning and evening, and the house will be decorated appropriately for Easter time.

Baptism will also be administered and the persons having been on probation for six months will be received into full membership in the church.

L. T. MONNETT, Pastor.

Former Laclede Boy Married.

From Republican, Lebanon, Mo.

A pretty, but quiet, wedding occurred on last Sunday morning, Miss Lulu Henderson and Mr. Wesley Ray Libby being united in marriage at the home of the bride in Linn Creek. The ceremony was performed by Judge Chalfant and was witnessed by only a few intimate friends and relatives. The bride wore a trailing gown, a beautiful suit of gray cloth. Later, Mr. and Mrs. Libby drove to Lebanon, where they surprised the groom's family, who knew nothing of his intended marriage.

The bride is a charming and cultured young lady and is a daughter of Judge F. M. Henderson, of Linn Creek. She was one of Camden county's successful school teachers, and, at the time of her marriage, had just closed a term at the Ivanhoe school, near Linn Creek. The groom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Libby, of this city, and is an exemplary young man. He has charge of his father's farm, near Linn Creek.

After a week's visit in Lebanon, Mr. and Mrs. Libby will go to the Libby farm to reside.

HERE AND THERE.

Doings That Have Taken Place in Laclede the Past Week.

Division three of the P. E. O. entertained the chapter and a few invited guests at the home of Mrs. Byrd last Wednesday evening. Mrs. Byrd is an ideal hostess at all times and with the assistance of the committee the evening was one of enjoyment long to be remembered by all present.

So far as known E. M. Sipple, principal of the Laclede schools, is the only candidate for county school commissioner to be voted for at the annual school election to be held next Tuesday. He is recognized as a man of energy and push and one of the best educators in the county and will no doubt be elected without opposition.

The Meneley Clarions, of Chicago, a musical combination, will give an entertainment and spread the gospel of temperance and prohibition at Grand Army hall in Laclede next Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. The bills state that the admission will be a silver offering put on the table when entering, and ~~adds~~ that nickles and pennies are not silver.

S. A. Anderson sends his annual dues from Rexford, Kansas, and says to send the paper along another year. He adds "This leaves us all well. Are having fine weather; spring wheat, oats and barley about all sown. Fall wheat never looked better at this time of year." Their many friends here are glad to learn that Mr. Anderson and his estimable family are well and enjoying the blessings of a prosperous country.

Ed O. Barton left Sunday for Springfield, Mo., to join the Springfield base ball club with which he has signed as catcher for the season. The Springfield team is a member of the western association and will play at Wichita, Oklahoma City, Topeka and the larger towns throughout Kansas and Missouri. There are few better men behind the bat and Ed's many friends expect him to make a record in the association games.

E. N. Keeney, formerly of this place, and who, with his excellent wife, have many friends here, in writing from Davidson, Sask., Canada, under date of March 18, says: "Enclosed find \$1.00 for THE BLADE. We are having a bad storm today, snow drifts from six to eight feet high. The weather has been cold but we are all enjoying good health. There has been but very little sickness since we came here a year ago. We think this is a good country to make money in and are satisfied with the change."

In the spring a young man's fancy turns to things of love, but a woman thinks of her new spring millinery. As a consequence of the beautiful weather we have been enjoying one would think it May instead of March by the number of hats being put up and sent out by Mrs. Osgood. Next week we will be restocked. Miss Leafy Corns is an expert trimmer and her work simply sells itself. Will be pleased to have you call and see our styles. Mrs. Osgood—2nd door northwest corner of park.

Last Monday evening Grandpa Woollen went to Meadville to spend a week with his daughter Mrs. W. O. Warner and his son Isaac Woollen and their families. Tuesday morning he happened to think that it was election day and had Mr. Warner unhitch from the plow and take him to Meadville so he could return to Laclede to vote. Mr. Woollen has been a voter 65 years and has never missed doing his duty on election day and he did not want to begin neglecting so important duty at this late day.

Some Evening Reveries.

Marriage seems never so much a failure to a man as when something goes wrong at home that he can't possibly blame his wife for.

Some men say they are perfectly willing to spend their whole lives in making their wives happy, but they don't spend any money for the same purpose.

The housewife who at night raises the shades of her prettily furnished parlor, that the world in passing may catch a glimpse of the happy picture within, does a good work for civilization.

We never have more than we can bear. The present hour we are always able to endure. As our day, so is our strength. If the trials of many years were gathered into one, they would overwhelm us; therefore, in pity to our little strength, He sends first one, then another, then removes both, and lays a third, heavier, perhaps, than either; but all is so wisely measured to our strength that the bruised weed is never broken. We do not look enough at our trials in this continuous and successive view. Each one is sent to teach us something, and altogether they have a lesson which is beyond the power of any to teach alone.

We should like to whisper into the ear of every young man in Laclede to shun the gambling room. Shall we sketch the history of the gambler? Lured by bad company he finds his way into a place where honest men ought never to go. He sits down to his first game, but only for pastime and the desire of being thought sociable. The players deal out the cards. They unconsciously play into Satan's hands who takes all the tricks and both the players' souls for trumps—he being a sharper at the game. A slight stake is put up just to add interest to the play. Game after game is played. Larger stakes and still larger. They begin to move nervously on their chairs. Their brows lower and eyes flash until now they who win and they who lose, fired alike with passion, sit with set jaws and compressed lips and clenched fists and eyes like fire balls that seem starting from their sockets, to see the final turn before it comes; if losing, pale with envy and tremulous with unuttered oaths cast back red hot upon the heart, or, winning, with hysteric laugh. While gambling in itself is bad enough it is the stepping stone to all other vices and evils which inflict mankind. Young man, shun the gambling table as you would a poisonous serpent.

Bank Statement.

NO. 387.

Official Statement of the financial condition of the Lomax & Standly, Bankers, at Laclede, State of Missouri, at the close of business on the 22nd day of March, 1907.

RESOURCES.
Loans and discounts, personal or collateral.....\$69,751.34
Loans, real estate.....14,722.77
Overdrafts.....1,212.07
Bonds and stocks.....5,496.00
Real estate (banking house).....1,500.00
Other real estate.....000.00
Furniture and fixtures.....000.00
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check.....37,694.86
Cash items.....000.00
Currency.....1,640.00
Specie.....1,284.12
Other resources as follows.....000.00
Total.....\$133,367.16

LIABILITIES.
Capital stock paid in.....5,000.00
Surplus fund.....8,000.00
Undivided profits, net.....843.05
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check.....000.00
Individual deposits subject to check.....119,535.13
Time certificates of deposit.....000.00
Demand certificates of deposit.....000.00
Cashier's checks.....000.00
Bills payable and re-discounts.....000.00
Other liabilities as follows.....000.00
Total.....\$133,367.16

State of Missouri, County of Linn, ss. We, Z. T. Standly and H. C. Lomax, two of the partners in or owners of said banking business, each of us do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
Z. T. STANDLY.
H. C. LOMAX.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 28th day of March, A. D. nineteen hundred and seven.
Witness my hand and notarial seal the date last aforesaid. (Comm. missioned and qualified for a term expiring Nov. 2, 1907.)
O. F. LIBBY, Notary Public.

TOWN AND COUNTRY

Local Events of the Past Week Recorded For Blade Readers.

Mrs. Jno. T. Lomax has spent the past week in Kansas City.

Mrs. Rosa E. Morrison, of Milan, visited Mrs. Ralph Smith the first of the week.

Mrs. Julius Klein, of Braymer, visited Mrs. L. T. Monnett several days this week.

F. R. Power was in Browning Wednesday to buy a team to use in his livery barn.

H. M. Anderson has improved his residence in west part of town with a new coat of paint.

J. H. Dick has some good prairie hay, bailed, for sale at his barn in southwest Laclede.

Photo post cards of the M. E. church, school building and city park or sale at this office.

Mrs. S. G. Leftwich and children, of Meadville, were guests of the family of N. B. Cross, Tuesday.

A. V. Moore has remodeled the interior and made other substantial improvements in his residence.

John L. Welsh has moved from Pollock to Pyrone, Texas, near which place he has bought a large tract of land.

L. Kathryn Felt will open her music class next Monday, April 1, and desires prospective pupils to enroll at once.

John Polson, who has been farming his claim in Oklahoma, is here visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Jas. T. Polson.

Joe Sterling and M. F. Brinkley, who lived on the Preston place east of town, have moved to Yates Center, Kansas.

E. E. Kennedy, two and a half miles north of town, has some good native lumber and sawed and split posts for sale.

Chas. A. Berry, who has been living on Miss Ransom's farm east of Forker, has moved to C. E. Hilton's farm and is now on route 2 out of St. Catherine.

Chas. H. Frazier, a well known and sturdy farmer out northeast of town, joined our route three list Tuesday and will get the Weekly Star and Goodall's Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Benson, after a visit of several weeks with relatives here, have returned to their home at Picton, Ontario, stopping at McLean, Ill., to visit Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Baker.

Mrs. Mary Connor, who has been here for the past three weeks visiting her son, Frank M., and family, returned to her home in Illinois yesterday, Mr. Connor accompanying her as far as Hannibal.

After an extended visit with her brother, W. O. Warner, and family near Meadville, and other relatives, Mrs. Geo. Sharp and children left on Tuesday of last week for their home at Silesia, Mont.

O. F. Libby, Jr., clerk of Laclede lodge, Modern Brotherhood of America, last week received a draft for \$500 in favor of Joseph Pittman in payment of a policy held in that order by Mrs. Pittman at the time of her death a few weeks ago.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. G. A. Clark on next Wednesday, April 3. A full attendance of members is requested that delegates may be selected to the district and branch convention to be held in Moberly April 10, 11 and 12.